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The Honorable Christian A. Morter
The Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. Secretary:

Certain rather basic policy considerations have arisen, in connection with the publication of forthcoming volumes in the Department's Foreign Relations series, which I feel I should lay before you.

As you doubtless know, the Department's historians are now editing for publication the documents for the year 1942, and—like the conscientious scholars they are—they quite naturally wish to publish the most nearly complete version possible of the diplomacy of that year. Unfortunately, however, this wish to tell the fullest possible story seems liable, as matters now stand, to lead to disclosures which I fear could be an embarrassment to the United States Government.

For among the documents the historians would like to publish are a good many which reveal methods of clandestine operations employed by the Office of the Coordinator of Information and the Office of Strategic Services which I cannot help feel should not be revealed on the authority of the Department itself from its own official records. The documents also disclose the identities of some of the persons who employed these methods, and some of these disclosures, too, could cause undesirable consequences.

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It is true that partial accounts of some of these activities have already been published, some of them by participants. Publication of much fuller, more sensational and more compromising accounts by the Department itself in its own Foreign Relations series would obviously be a quite different matter, and we would prefer that they not be so published.

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Faithfully yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

cc: DDCI

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum recommends action in Paragraph 3.
2. Herewith your letter to Secretary Harter with a covering memorandum from Mr. Kretzmann to you, expressing the views of Andy Berding. Both Berding and Kretzmann want you to know that they appreciate your offer not to furnish this letter to the Secretary if they had any objections. Kretzmann had none. Berding did. Kretzmann talked to me last night and said they would be very reasonable and he believes they can work this thing out with [] I told [] that you want him also to be reasonable in his discussions tomorrow afternoon.
3. RECOMMENDATION: That the attached communications be filed, pending final action on this subject.

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STANLEY J. CROGAN
Assistant to the Director

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| Remarks: Mr. Dulles wants the attached letter delivered to Mr. Kretzmann. If Kretzmann sees embarrassment for him stemming from such a letter, we are <u>not</u> to press for getting it on to the Secretary of State. I have told [] about this. | | | |
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ER:

You will recall that we sent a letter to Secty Herter about publications in Foreign Reports of some material. That letter was sent over to Grogan to be hand-carried.

Please attaché the attached related paper to the ER copy of the Herter letter.

Jerry 12/2